

Limiting your searches in the NHU-PAC

*Limits provide additional criteria for the selection of records from the database.
They are always used in combination with other search criteria.*

Drop-down Limits

The first type of limiting used in the NHU-PAC allows the searcher to select a value from a list and the results of the search will be restricted to records that meet the criteria defined within the system for that value. You can include only one limit from the list when a search is created.

Language

You can limit your search to items in a particular language by choosing that language from a displayed list. This limit looks at the MARC language code in positions 35-37 of the 008 tag of the bibliographic record.

Only languages, other than English, for which there are records currently in the NHU-PAC are included on the list: Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Norwegian, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Serbo-Croatian (Roman Alphabet), Spanish, Swedish, Thai, Vietnamese, Yiddish. Additional languages will be added to this list as needed.

Material Type

You can limit your search to items of a particular type by selecting a material type from a displayed list. The material type list includes (value in position 6 of the leader): Archives, manuscripts, & realia (p/r/t), Computer files (m), Maps (e/f), Musical scores (c/d), Musical sound recordings (j), Nonmusical sound recordings (i), Text materials (a), Visual materials & kits (g/k/o). Additional material type limits have been added to this list based on the value of position 23 of the 008 tag: Large print (d), Braille (f), and Microform (a/b/c).

User-Defined Limits

These limits, which appear below the others on the NHU-PAC search screens, allow you to designate a value that you are looking for in the record. You can include one or two user-defined limits (in addition to a drop-down limit) when a search is created.

Date

Select the "Date" option from the list, designate the relationship you want (equal to, greater than, etc.) and type in the year you are searching for. This limit looks at the 260 tag, subfield c. You can also find a range of dates. For example, to find materials published in the 1970s your limit would read "Date > 1969 and Date < 1980."

Location

You can limit your search to items held by a specific NHAIS library by selecting "Location" from the list, designating the relationship you want (equal to, greater than, etc.) and typing the HSA code of the library you are interested in. This limit looks at the HSA codes in the item records attached to each bibliographic record to determine whether or not an item is held.

Wild Card Character

You can use an asterisk (), the system's wild card character, in a "title includes" search along with appropriate limits to find all the records on the system, assuming there are not more than can be displayed, that meet a particular limit.*